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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/009,007	<b>Applicant(s)</b> LOKIETEK ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Mark Halpern	<b>Art Unit</b> 1731	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 66-82 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 66-82 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### DETAILED ACTION

- 1) Acknowledgement is made of Amendment received 2/19/2004. Applicants cancel claims 49-65, and offer new claims 66-82, for consideration.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

- 2) Claims 66-82, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 66 recites the limitation "the mass" in line 8. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

- 3) Claims 66-82, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Maliczyszyn (4,872,951).

Claims 66, 77: Maliczyszyn discloses a blend of starches used for external surface sizing of paper or paperboard. The blend of starches includes a cationic starch and various anionic starches, for example, 3-chloro-2-sulfopropionic acid (CSPA) (col. 8, lines 10-23). The starch size is applied as a blend to the paper web by conventional surface sizing techniques, such as, spraying or size pressing to one or both sides of the paper. The size is retained in the paper by drying of the paper web. (col. 4, line 54 to col. 5, line 2).

Claim 67: the total amount of starch blends added to the paper is disclosed from 1.5 to 15% of the dry weight of paper (col. 5, lines 3-10).

Claims 68-69: the sulfonated starches are disclosed (col. 8, lines 10-23).

Claims 70-72: the weight ratio between the blend cationic starch material and the sulfonated starchy material is from 90/10 to 20/80, as disclosed in Table 2, columns 7-8.

Claims 73-78: the size composition is in dry form, powder or aqueous suspension (col. 4, lines 37-53).

Claims 79-80: gelatinized starches, for example, non-granular starches, and granular structured starches are disclosed (col. 2, lines 50-55).

Claims 81-82: cereal starch, such as, corn starch is disclosed (col. 2, lines 39-55).

#### ***Response to Amendment***

4) Claims 49-65, rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gosset (5,129,989), is withdrawn in view of cancelled claims.

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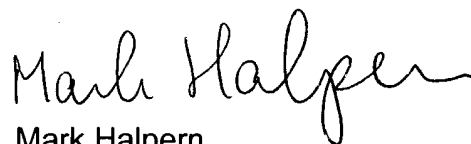
5) Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 49-65, have been considered but are moot in view of the cancelled claims.

**Conclusion**

6) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Halpern whose telephone number is 571-272-1190. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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